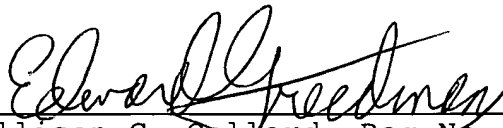


REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the cross-reference to related applications has been inserted on page 1, and the claims have been amended to delete the multiple dependencies and to improve their form. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

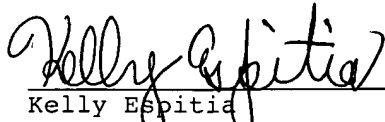
Respectfully submitted,
Marcus PERNEGGER ET AL.

COLLARD & ROE, P.C.
1077 Northern Boulevard
Roslyn, New York 11576
(516) 365-9802
KK:lgh


Allison C. Collard, Reg.No. 22,532
Edward R. Freedman, Reg.No. 26,048
Attorneys for Applicants

EXPRESS MAIL NO. **EV 956 232 416 US**
Date of Deposit January 9, 2007

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, on the date indicated above, and is addressed to Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


Kelly Espitia